



CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Facts About... The Bay-Delta System

Size of the Delta: 738,000 acres

Size of the Watershed: More than 40 million acres

Current Wetlands: 70,000 acres

Diversions from the Delta: 2,000

Total Diversions from the Delta and its Tributaries: 7,000

Diversions to the Central Valley Project and State Water Projects (the largest diverters): 6 million acre-feet/year*

Primary water source for more than 22 million Californians

Fish and Wildlife Species: 120+

Species Designated by the State or Federal Governments as Threatened or Endangered: 9

Species with Special Status: 40+

Extent of Delta Farmland: 527,309 acres

Extent of Delta Levees: 1,100 miles

Islands Converted since 1850 from Marshland to Agriculture and Other Uses: 57

Level to Which Some Islands Have Sunk Due to Soils Subsidence: 25 feet below the level of adjoining waterways

Delta Recreational Activities: camping, hiking, sightseeing, bicycling, horseback riding, boating, waterskiing, fishing, etc.

* An acre foot of water -- 325,851 gallons -- would cover one acre to a depth of one foot and would supply about 2 households for one year.

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